

**PATTERSON &
SHERIDAN, LLP**
— ATTORNEYS AT LAW

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
SEP 18 2006

3040 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 1500
Houston, TX 77056-6582
TEL 713.623.4844
FAX 713.623.4846

FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

DATE: September 18, 2006
FILE NO: ROC920030251US1 (IBMK30251)
TO: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Examiner Emeka Ebirim
FAX NO: 1-571-273-8300
FROM: Randol W. Read
PAGE(S) with cover: 15

RE:

TITLE: NATURAL LANGUAGE SUPPORT FOR DATABASE APPLICATIONS
U.S. SERIAL NO.: 10/718,218
FILING DATE: November 20, 2003
INVENTOR(S): Dettinger et al
EXAMINER: Emeka Ebirim
GROUP ART UNIT: 2166
CONFIRMATION NO.: 9017

Attached are the following document(s) for the above-referenced application:

Response To Office Action Dated June 16, 2006.

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTE

The document accompanying this facsimile transmission contains information from the law firm of Patterson & Sheridan, L.L.P. which is confidential or privileged. The information is intended to be for the use of the individual or entity named on this transmission sheet. If you are not the intended recipient, be aware that any disclosure, copying, distribution or use of the contents of this faxed information is prohibited. If you have received this facsimile in error, please notify us by telephone immediately so that we can arrange for the retrieval of the original documents at no cost to you.

501784_1.DOC

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 18 2006

PATENT
App. Ser. No.: 10/718,218
Atty. Dkt. No. ROC920030251 US1
PS Ref. No.: IBMK30251

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Dettinger et al

Serial No.: 10/718,218

Filed: November 20, 2003

For: NATURAL LANGUAGE
SUPPORT FOR DATABASE
APPLICATIONS

§
§
§
§
§
§
§
§
§
§

Confirmation No.: 9017

Group Art Unit: 2166

Examiner: Emeka Ebirim

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to fax number 571-273-8300, or electronically transmitted via EFS-Web, to the attention of Examiner Emeka Ebrim, on the date shown below:

September 18, 2006
Date


Randol W. Read

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 16, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 18, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. While no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465/ROC920030251 US1 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.